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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ECAC POSITIONS ON AFFINITY CHARTERS

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1. PRINCE CYRILLE MAKINSKY, PRESIDENT OF FRANCE-U.S. ASSOCIATION, PHONED EMBASSY OCT 2 RE REPORTED GOF INTENTION TERMINATE AFFINITY CHARTERS TO WHICH HE TOO WAS ALTERTED BY CAPITOL AIRWAYS REP. MAKINSKY SAID HIS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES 5 TO 6 CHARTER FLIGHTS ANNUALLY TO U.S. VIA AMERICAN CARRIERS. MAKINSKY IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY GOF AND HAD PROTESTD TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE THAT DECISION WAS CERTAINLY NOT TECHNICAL ONE ON WHICH SGAC ALONE WAS QUALIFIED TO PASS AND THAT BROADER RAMIFICATIONS OF SUCH DECISION WERE CERTAINLY WITHIN PURVIEW OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH UNDERTOOK PROMPTLY LOOK INTO SITUATION.

2. MAKINSKY SAID HIS OFFICE HAS ALSO MADE INQUIRIES OF MME.

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THOMASSET, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF PROCESSING OF CHARTER AUTHORIZATIONS

AT SGAC. SHE HAD INDICATED THAT GOF DECISION TO TERMINATE AFFINITY CHARTERS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1974 "MIGHT NOT BE FINAL."

3. MAKINSKY SAID HE INTENDS TO TRY TO SEE PRIME MINISTER MESSMER AS WELL AS FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING ON THIS MATTER. HE FELT THAT PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT WITH THEM WOULD BE IMPACT ON TOURIST INDUSTRY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS STEMMING FROM LIKELY REDUCTION IN U.S. TOURIST TRAFFIC TO FRANCE IF AFFINITY CHARTERS TERMINATED BY GOF. HE ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY COULD ARM HIM QUICKLY WITH DATA ON U.S.-FRANCE AFFINITY CHARTER TRAFFIC AS MEASURE OF HOW MUCH FRANCE WOULD RISK LOSING. SINCE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ABC CHARTERS HAD NOT BEEN GREAT SUCCESS THIS PAST SEASON, HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE ANY INDICATION OF HOW MUCH AIR FRANCE ITSELF WOULD STAND TO LOSE IF AFFINITY CHARTERS WERE TERMINATED. ON FORMER POINT, WE AGREED SEEK SUCH DATA. ON LATTER POINT WE REPLIED WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR EMBASSY TO PROBE INTO WHAT WOULD BE GOOD OR BAD FOR AIR FRANCE BUT WE COULD CANVASS U.S. SCHEDULED AND SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS REPRESENTED IN PARIS FOR THEIR CONSENSUS ON TGC/ABC RESULTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THEIR CHARTER OPERATIONS TO AND FROM FRANCE IF AFFINITY CHARTERS WERE TERMINATED; THIS WOULD PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF WHAT LIKELY IMPACT WOULD BE FOR OTHER INTERESTED CARRIERS INCLUDING AIR FRANCE.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW EFFECTIVE MAKINSKY'S INTERVENTION MIGHT BE BUT HIS SELF-INTEREST SEEMS TO COINCIDE WITH OURS. EMBASSY, THEREFORE, BELIEVES WE SHOULD ASSIST HIM, INDEPENDENTLY OF WHATEVER OTHER ACTION, IF ANY, DEPARTMENT MAY DECIDE SHOULD BE TAKEN ON BASIS REFTELS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE SOONEST DATA FOR REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD ON TOTAL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED ON U.S.-ORIGIN AFFINITY CHARTERS TO FRANCE. IF COMPARISON HELPFUL, ALSO PROVIDE DATA ON NUMBER OF RGC PASSENGERS TO FRANCE SINCE INTRODUCTION TCG OPERATIONS.
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